

STATE OF MICHIGAN
COURT OF APPEALS

In the Matter of WALTER JENNINGS II, CASPER
JENNINGS, and LAURA JENNINGS, Minors.

DEPARTMENT OF HUMAN SERVICES,

Petitioner-Appellee,

v

MARY ELLEN SUTFIN,

Respondent-Appellant,

and

WALTER JENNINGS,

Respondent.

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No. 264090
Berrien Circuit Court
Family Division
LC No. 02-000120-NA

Before: Borrello, P.J., and Sawyer and Fitzgerald, JJ.

MEMORANDUM.

Respondent-appellant appeals as of right the trial court order terminating her parental rights to the minor children under MCL 712A.19b(3)(a)(ii), (c)(i), (g), and (i). We affirm. This appeal is being decided without oral argument pursuant to MCR 7.214(E).

The trial court did not clearly err in finding that the statutory grounds for termination were established by clear and convincing evidence. MCR 3.977(J); *In re Miller*, 433 Mich 331, 337; 445 NW2d 161 (1989). Further, the evidence did not show that termination of respondent-appellant's parental rights was clearly not in the children's best interests. MCL 712A.19b(5); *In re Trejo Minors*, 462 Mich 341, 356-357; 612 NW2d 407 (2000).

The evidence clearly demonstrated that, because of respondent-appellant's chaotic lifestyle, lack of stable housing, lack of employment and emotional instability, the statutory grounds for termination were supported. In addition, respondent-appellant failed to demonstrate that she had rectified any of the conditions that had led to her extensive history of abuse and neglect of her children. Furthermore, the lack of any real bond and the long periods when respondent-appellant had not even seen her children supported the trial court's finding that

termination of respondent-appellant's parental rights was not contrary to the children's best interests.

Affirmed.

/s/ Stephen L. Borrello
/s/ David H. Sawyer
/s/ E. Thomas Fitzgerald